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1212 Punta Banda Street  
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Dear Editor:

Lacking personal knowledge of Communist infiltration of our government, schools and colleges, and with his customary indifference to facts, facts based upon reports of those who actually know, and in his zeal to refute any charges or inferences that Communists have infiltrated agencies of our government, the editor published a lengthy address by the president of the State Board of Education (News-Press 1-25-62), which the editor stated was a "Communist infiltration of the State Board of Education."

The editor of the News-Press failed to mention any dates. When was the address delivered, and when was the president of the State Board of Education attached to the CIA?

The president of the State Board of Education, by his own admission, was in a subordinate position and could not possibly know what was going on inside the CIA at all times.

Apparently the president of the State Board of Education, at the time he delivered that address, was not aware of the statement of his superior, the late General Rodell Smith, to the effect, that Communists had " . . . wormed their way into his organization . . ."

Or does the subordinate take issue with his chief? Or did the editor of the News-Press just dig up that address from his files to refute statements that Communists have infiltrated agencies

of government?

The president of the State Board of Education likewise must be in ignorance of the statement by J. Edgar Hoover to the effect that Communists " . . . have infiltrated every conceivable sphere of activity; . . . church, school, educational and cultural groups; . . ."

Or is it the editor of the News-Press who is ignorant?

If the editor of the News-Press wishes to be convincing he would do well to give dates and facts to substantiate his articles and his own comments.

Sincerely  
Herbert V. Shepard